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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Lesotho: draft resolution

Emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/17 of 3 November 1993, 49/7 of 25 October 1994, 49/21 C of 2 December 1994 and 50/58 K of 22 December 1995,

Subscribing to the principles relating to humanitarian assistance laid down in the annex to its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991,

Aware that Burundi, which ranks among the least developed and most overpopulated countries, is most harshly affected by the cumulative effects of a prolonged national crisis and geographical isolation,

Concerned about the additional burden imposed by the consequences of the current humanitarian situation in Burundi on the national economy, public finances, agricultural production, the health of the population, education at every level and the distribution of humanitarian aid to war victims,

Deeply fearing the possible deterioration of the economic and social situation in Burundi,

Desiring to encourage the efforts of the Government of Burundi to achieve positive developments in the domestic security situation,

Noting that Burundi is engaged in a three-year national recovery programme adopted by the Government of Burundi,

Welcoming the decision of the Government of Burundi to engage in a global peace process, the principal component of which is the commencement of political negotiations open to all parties, in accordance with the initiatives taken at Arusha and the initiatives of the mediator, Mr. Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, to assist Burundi in finally recovering its peace and stability,

Extending its thanks to States, United Nations institutions and intergovernmental, non-governmental and humanitarian organizations for their contributions to the implementation of previous similar resolutions,

1. Urgently appeals to all States, to the United Nations system, to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and to humanitarian agencies to resume humanitarian assistance programmes and development programmes with the Republic of Burundi;

2. Invites all the parties concerned to facilitate humanitarian assistance operations for the people of Burundi;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all interested parties, including the countries of the Great Lakes region, the other States Members of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the international humanitarian agencies, to undertake the requisite measures to ensure the speedy and unfettered distribution of all humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable sectors of Burundi, victims of the war;

4. Invites the Government of Burundi to introduce a programme of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the economic and social infrastructures necessary for the improvement of the living conditions of all the people of Burundi;

5. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to take appropriate steps to organize a round table on external assistance for Burundi;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.